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1. SUMMARY: ATHENS PRESS CONTINUES TO COVER PROMINENTLY  
MAJOR STATEMENTS, SPEECHES, RALLIES AND OTHER  
DEVELOPMENTS SINCE ANNOUNCEMENT OF "FEDERATED TURKISH CYPRIOT  
STATE." FOLLOWING FIVE-HOUR MEETING YESTERDAY WITH  
PM CARAMANLIS AND OTHERS, CLERIDES ANNOUNCED THAT CYPRIOT  
DELEGATION TO SECURITY COUNCIL WOULD LEAVE FOR NEW YORK  
FEBRUARY 16. STATEMENTS BY DEPARTMENT OF STATE AND  
SECRETARY KISSINGER REPORTED WIDELY IN NEWSPAPERS AND ON  
RADIO/TV. END SUMMARY.

2. ATHENS NEWS MEDIA FEBRUARY 15 GAVE PRIORITY COVERAGE  
TO VARIOUS PUBLIC STATEMENTS "DENOUNCING TURKEY" AND  
TO QUESTION OF SECURITY COUNCIL MEETING. PRESS  
REPORTED THAT CYPRIOT DELEGATION (CLERIDES, CHRISTOFIDIS,  
PAPADOPOULOS, AND KYPRIANOU) MET FOR FIVE HOURS  
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FEBRUARY 14 WITH PM CARAMANLIS, FM BITSIOS AND OTHERS.

FOLLOWING THE MEETING THE GOG ANNOUNCED THAT RECENT DEVELOPMENTS IN CYPRUS HAD BEEN EXAMINED AND PARTICULARLY THE RECOURSE TO THE SECURITY COUNCIL BY THE CYPRIOT GOVERNMENT. GOG ANNOUNCEMENT ADDED THAT MEETING WOULD CONTINUE FEBRUARY 15 AT THE TECHNICAL LEVEL.

3. CLERIDES AS LEADER OF CYPRIOT GROUP STATED THAT CYPRIOT DELEGATION PLANNED TO DEPART ATHENS FOR NEW YORK ON SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 16. (EMBASSY INFORMED MID-MORNING FEBRUARY 15 THAT CLERIDES JUST REQUESTED EMBASSY TO HAVE HIS PASSPORT VISAED.) EARLIER AT ATHENS AIRPORT CLERIDES TOLD NEWSMEN THAT CYPRIOT GROUP WOULD MEET WITH GOG AUTHORITIES TO ESTABLISH COMMON BASIS FOR NEXT STEPS. HE ADDED THAT DECISION HAS BEEN TAKEN TO HAVE RECOURSE TO SECURITY COUNCIL. ASKED TO COMMENT ON SECRETARY'S STATEMENT, CLERIDES SAID "STATEMENTS MADE BY SECRETARY KISSINGER AND MR. CALLAGHAN CONFIRM THAT U.S. AND UK ARE IN FAVOR OF AN INDEPENDENT CYPRUS STATE AND THAT THEY CONTINUE TO RECOGNIZE CYPRIOT GOVERNMENT AND ITS PRESIDENT, ARCHBISHOP MAKARIOS, BUT THESE STATEMENTS ALSO REMAIN RESTRICTED TO THE THEORETICAL SECTOR AND NOT THE PRACTICAL ONE."

4. NEWS MEDIA REPORTED ACCURATELY DEPARTMENT'S STATEMENT REGRETTING TURKISH DECISION AND SEPARATE STATEMENT OF SECRETARY RELEASED FROM JERUSALEM. NEWSPAPERS ALSO CARRIED GOG ANNOUNCEMENT OF FM BITSIOS' CANCELLATION OF TRIPS TO BONN AND ROME UNDERSCORING THAT RECENT CYPRUS DEVELOPMENTS REQUIRED HIS PRESENCE IN ATHENS. PRESS STATEMENTS OF UK AND FRENCH OFFICIALS, NATO SYG LUNS AND SOVIET OFFICIAL ARE ALSO REPORTED WIDELY.

5. MORNING PRESS FEBRUARY 15 ALSO CARRIED MINISTER OF DEFENSE AVEROFF'S STATEMENT THAT GREEK ARMED FORCES HAVE NOT YET BEEN PLACED ON STATE OF ALERT. AVEROFF ADDED "NO SPECIAL MEASURES HAVE BEEN TAKEN IN ANY PART OF GREECE."

6. ATHENS PRESS ALSO CARRIED WIRE SERVICE REPORTAGE WHICH SPECULATED SC WOULD PROBABLY NOT MEET UNTIL EARLY LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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NEXT WEEK, POSSIBLY TUESDAY. PAPERS ALSO QUOTED MFA SOURCE AS SAYING FM BITSIOS IS NOT EXPECTED TO ATTEND SC MEETING.  
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